

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended the first sentence of the specification to set forth the priority claim for the instant application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete claims 13-31 which were elected for prosecution in the parent application.

After entry of the amendments, claims 1-12 and 32-46 will be pending. These claims correspond to the Group I claims which were not elected in the parent.

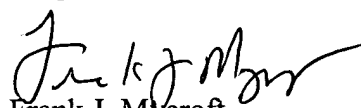
Applicants believe the proposed amendments to the specification and claims add no new matter and respectfully request their entry.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,


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